Spring 2021 SDOT On-Street Parking Rate Changes

This handout provides more details about the parking occupancy data used for the June 2021 parking rate changes – with 21 rate changes (20 increases and 1 decrease). Most changes are in the afternoons.

Higher levels of parking occupancy indicate that economic activity is returning, and people are now circling looking for parking in some areas. Adjusting parking rates helps reduce driver frustration, improve pedestrian and bike safety, and reduce pollution from unnecessary driving.

Table 1: Parking occupancy data

The table shows the parking occupancy data used for the rate review for all paid areas. Shaded areas are above (blue) or below (orange) the target occupancy range (70% - 85%).

Paid Area	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	
12th Avenue	51%	76%	94%	
Ballard Core	26%	76%	74%	
Ballard Edge	50%	84%	82%	
Belltown North	64%	75%	57%	
Belltown South	70%	101%	82%	
Capitol Hill North	37%	51%	58%	
Capitol Hill South	42%	42% 59%		
Cherry Hill	76%	78%	49%	
Chinatown/ID Core	60%	119%	106%	
Chinatown/ID Edge	51%	83%	71%	
Columbia City	49%	88%	76%	
Commercial Core Financial	82%	88%	34%	
Commercial Core Retail	30%	66%	38%	
Commercial Core Waterfront	121%	85%	74%	
Denny Triangle North	84%	94%		
Denny Triangle South	74%	98%	75%	
First Hill	93%	97%	74%	
Fremont	26%	89%	85%	
Green Lake	65%	89%	74%	
Pike-Pine	33%	54%	59%	
Pioneer Square Core	97%	124%		
Pioneer Square Edge	77%	96%		
Roosevelt	78%	87%	80%	
South Lake Union North	57%	61%		
South Lake Union South	110%	111%		
University District Core	43%	95%	79%	
University District Edge	61%	71%		
Uptown Core	50%	70%	59%	
Uptown Edge	66%	79% 65%		
Uptown Triangle	66%	73%		
Westlake Ave N North	54%	64%		
Westlake Ave N South	50%	64%		

Table 2: Paid areas – current rates and new June rates

This table shows all paid areas with current and new rates starting June 1. Most areas/times of day remain at 50 cents/hour (parking rate minimum).

	Current Rates			New June 2021 Rates		
Rate	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
12th Avenue	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00
Ballard Core	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.50
Ballard Edge	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Ballard Locks	\$0.50	\$0.50		\$0.50	\$0.50	
Belltown North	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Belltown South	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$2.00	\$0.50
Capitol Hill North	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Capitol Hill South	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Cherry Hill	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Chinatown/ID Core	\$0.50	\$1.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
Chinatown/ID Edge	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Columbia City	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.50
Commercial Core/Financial	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.50
Commercial Core/Retail	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Commercial Core/ Waterfront	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Denny Triangle North	\$0.50	\$1.00		\$0.50	\$1.50	
Denny Triangle South	\$0.50	\$1.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$2.00	\$0.50
First Hill	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$0.50
Fremont	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.50
Green Lake	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.50
Pike-Pine	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Pioneer Square Core	\$0.50	\$0.50		\$1.00	\$1.50	
Pioneer Square Edge	\$0.50	\$0.50		\$0.50	\$1.00	
Roosevelt	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.50
South Lake Union North	\$0.50	\$0.50		\$0.50	\$0.50	
South Lake Union South	\$1.00	\$0.50		\$2.00	\$1.50	
U-District Core	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.50
U-District Edge	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$0.50	\$0.50	
Uptown Core	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Uptown Edge	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Uptown Triangle	\$0.50	\$0.50		\$0.50	\$0.50	
Westlake Ave N/North	\$0.50	\$0.50		\$0.50	\$0.50	
Westlake Ave N/South	\$0.50	\$0.50		\$0.50	\$0.50	

Blue shading indicates a rate increase. Orange shading indicates a rate decrease.

Chart 1: Comparison of Pre-Pandemic and June 2021 Rates

Chart 1 shows a comparison between pre-pandemic paid parking rates and rates after the June 2021 change. The chart shows the average daily rate in February 2020 compared to June 2021. With this change, the June 2021 rates will be between 50 cents and \$2.50 per hour, still substantially lower than pre-pandemic levels even after three rate adjustments (October 2020, February 2021, June 2021).

